**Production and import of rubber**

*418. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total volume of industrial requirements of rubber during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the volume of rubber production in the country during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the volume of rubber imported during this period, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Industrial requirements, production and import of rubber in the country during the last three years are given below:

(In MTs)

| Year | Industrial Requirement | Production | Import |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1998-1999 | 591,545 | 605,045 | 29534 |
| 1999-2000 | 628,110 | 622,235 | 20207 |
| 2000-01(P) | 631,475 | 630,495 | 8572 |

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**Housing loan to people below poverty line**

†*419. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide loans for construction of houses to the people living below poverty line in Rajasthan, Orissa, Chhattisgarh

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